

October 3, 2005
Regular Session

Minutes

Members present

D.C. Swaim- Chairman
Brady Wooten- Vice- Chairman
Leon Casstevens- Commissioner
Allen Sneed- Commissioner

Members absent

Kim Clark-Phillips- Commissioner

Others Present

Cecil E. Wood- County Manager
Melinda Vestal-Clerk to the Board
James Graham- Attorney

Chairman Swaim called the meeting to order. Attorney Graham had the invocation. The Board had the pledge of allegiance.

Public comments

Charles R. Wooten, East Bend, addressed the Board concerning a missing road sign for Rachel Lane. He informed the Board that its been about sixty days since he reported the sign missing. He is concerned for safety reasons.

Cheri Cranfill stated the signs came in Friday and will be put up tomorrow.

Minutes

***Commissioner Wooten made the motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Sneed seconded. The Board voted 4-0.**

Chairman Swaim moved agenda item 11, Solid Waste, up on the agenda.

Solid Waste- introduction

Linda Ashendorf, with Allied Waste Services formerly BFI, introduced herself and thanked the Board for allowing them to provide service to Yadkin County.

Charles Gilley, Director of Landfill Operations, stated he is pleased to provide services for Yadkin County. If the Board had any questions, please feel free to call him.

Mr. Wood commented the working relationship with Allied/BFI is very positive and they strive to meet the county's needs.

Health Department- animal shelter

Mike Reavis, Health Director, presented a proposal for adoption of animals at the animal shelter. There has been a moratorium on the adoption of animals in Yadkin County due to a rabies epidemic. The number of cases continues to drop and the Board of Health voted to lift the band. The Board of Health recommended that Animal Control include a notice of warning with each adoption about the possibility of rabies. The Board of Health requested the Board of Commissioners open the adoption of animals at the animal shelter and include the caution notice.

Attorney Graham suggested adding Yadkin County in the paragraph regarding “holding harmless of liability.”

Commissioner Wooten stated the Board of Health was very positive and supportive of lifting the band.

***Commissioner Wooten made the motion to move forward with the procedures recommended by the Health Borad to allow the adoption of animals at the animal shelter effective October 15th. Commissioner Casstevens seconded. The Board voted 4-0.**

Mr. Reavis updated the Board regarding Environmental Health. He has hired a new employee, Kim Sutton, who has twelve years experience. He requested the Board still allow Mike Williams to continue to catch his overtime in order to catch up on the inspections.

***Commissioner Wooten made the motion to allow Mike Williams to work overtime for 30 more days as needed. Commissioner Sneed seconded. The Board voted 4-0.**

Economic Development- update/report

Bobby Todd gave an update on economic development in the county. He informed the Board the Economic Development Council had approved an incentive package for Advantage Machinery in the amount of \$12,500 to assist them with water and sewer.

Commissioner Casstevens inquired about an alcohol referendum.

Mr. Todd explained the wording for the vote on alcohol.

***Commissioner Wooten made the motion to approve the incentive package for Advantage Machinery. Commissioner Sneed seconded. The Board voted 4-0.**

Town of Boonville-board appointments

***Commissioner Sneed made the motion to appoint Graham Reece and Tim Driver to the Boonville's Out of Town Board of Adjustment. Commissioner Casstevens seconded. The Board voted 4-0.**

Schools-bids/construction

Mr. Wood presented information regarding the bids for the schools.

The Board discussed grants for equipment.

Commissioner Sneed stated he had spoken with Senator Foxx and she indicated she would do what she could to get money for lab equipment.

Commissioner Wooten stated the bid is for \$6.9 million and the Board had agreed to loan only \$6 million. He discussed the conversation and how the \$900,000 was supposed to be used to reduce the loan amount.

Dr. Todd stated they have the other \$900,000 in the facilities money fund.

Mr. Frank Brown stated the previous discussion was the county would loan up to \$6 million and the use of the facilities money would complete the project.

Commissioner Sneed commented the Commissioners approved to loan the \$6 million during budget time.

EMS-bids

Mr. Wood informed the Board that the county only received one bid. We have readvertised to receive more bids; due by October 14th.

Chairman Swaim called for a break.

Finance-loan proposals

Mr. Wood presented the bids for the loan proposal regarding the schools, EMS and the animal shelter.

The Board discussed the proposals.

***Commissioner Sneed made the motion to approve the proposal from Bank of America with an interest rate of 3.54% for a 15 year term. Commissioner Casstevens seconded. The Board voted 4-0.**

Commissioner Sneed recommended reviewing the figures for the animal shelter. He thinks it should be reduced by \$15,000 due to the money received from the Center for Consumer Freedom.

Elections-budget amendment

Dept: Elections

Description	Account Number	Original Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	Amended Budget
State Technology Grant-Public Work Stations	1044170-42211	-0-	1,496.00	1,496.00
Equipment-Data Process. Elections	1054210-56023	7,400.00	1,496.00	8,896.00

To record funds received from the State Board of Elections 2005 Public Work Station Grant. These funds are to be used for technology upgrades for the Elections Dept.

***Commissioner Wooten made the motion to approve the budget amendment. Commissioner Sneed seconded. The Board voted 4-0.**

Tax Administration-permits and back taxes

Mr. Wood stated he talked with Davie County regarding the program and how they operate the program. They check it electronically by the permit office.

***Commissioner Sneed made the motion to change the wording in the resolution removing tax administration and adding permitting allowing them to check for delinquent taxes, if back taxes are owed we will require a paid receipt before the permit can be issued, also make a copy of the findings with the initials of the person doing the checking and place it with the request for the permit. This is to be effective November 1st. Commissioner Wooten seconded. The Board voted 4-0.**

Commissioner comments

Commissioner Sneed discussed the fund for the old landfill. He also discussed the financial statements the Board receives every month. He reviewed previous mistakes made in various areas. He commented these mistakes have to stop.

Commissioner Wooten reiterated what Commissioner Sneed stated. The mistakes made could have cost the county 15 cents on the tax rate. He inquired about the difference in restricted and non-restricted funds.

Mr. Wood stated as an example restricted funds are those used by the Register of Deeds, Sheriff, can be the estimated sales tax not received and accounts receivable as of June 30th. The non-restricted are funds available.

Commissioner Wooten questioned if the county is below the required 8% required by law.

Mr. Wood stated that when you add the funds together we are right above the 8%.

Commissioner Wooten stated how can we get true figures?

Mr. Wood stated the finance department is understaffed and if the Board needs more detailed information it will take additional staff.

Commissioner Wooten asked about previous capital project ordinances and mistakes made.

Mr. Wood stated the Auditor has commented the county is doing a better job; records are more detailed.

Commissioner Wooten inquired about the ADAP program.

Mr. Wood stated the program is run through Crossroads and Mr. Swann could give us more details. Mr. Wood stated funding is a big issue and Crossroads' authority on implementing programs has been limited.

Chairman Swaim stated there is unequal allocation of funds through out the state and there is not much that can be done about it.

Commissioner Wooten asked about grants.

Mr. Wood stated he has not had the opportunity to pursue any because of working on the financing proposals. He will contact Rural Development and start the application process.

Commissioner Wooten inquired about a grant in August 2002.

Mr. Wood stated the grant was for a Capital Improvement Plan for the water system. The plan makes you more attractive when applying for funds.

Commissioner Wooten asked for an update on water and sewer.

Mr. Wood stated he mailed the application to the Revolving Loan Fund. He will contact Rural Development to get an application for their program regarding residential issues.

Commissioner Wooten asked if Mick Staton had contacted the county?

Mr. Wood stated Mr. Staton would like to meet with the Board and discuss priorities.

Commissioner Wooten inquired about the issues at the animal shelter.

Mr. Wood stated the electrical circuit for the refrigerator will be put in by CW Electric at no charge, the fencing is being corrected, rebuilding doors wider and all hardware should be changed out. The ventilation was not in the plan per the contractor. Mr. Wood called the architect about the vent.

Commissioner Wooten asked about the drainage issue?

Mr. Wood stated the water does not flow correctly and another ditch has been dug. He asked the Board what they wanted done about the drainage.

Commissioner Wooten stated he does not agree with the current drainage; drains directly to the parking lot.

Mr. Wood stated it will be hard to make the contractor fix the drainage.

Commissioner Sneed gave the history of the land at the animal shelter.

Commissioner Wooten inquired about meetings in which The Ripple attended and food was served.

Mr. Wood stated he went back and checked on meetings with meals and there was no indication where the county paid for The Ripple reporter.

Commissioner Wooten directed Mr. Wood to bill The Ripple for the meal at the Victoria House.

Commissioner Casstevens stated he received a call from CW Electric regarding the bid for the electrical work on the schools. They commented that the charges would not cover the job.

Commissioner Casstevens asked Mr. Wood if he had checked on the DSS issue?

Mr. Wood stated he checked with Mr. Wooten and the children were not eligible and the wife knew the children were not approved; the contract has to be renewed yearly.

Commissioner Wooten inquired about money turned back in from the departments.

Mr. Wood stated he would receive final figures when the audit is completed.

Commissioner Sneed stated he is concerned with increase in gas prices. He wants only necessary trips to be made.

Mr. Wood stated the departments had previously been notified to make only necessary trips.

Manager comments

Mr. Wood reported on the surplus sale. The county netted almost \$5,000. Mr. Wood informed the Board about a website available from which we can list and sell surplus items; Govdeals.com. The site charges a flat 7 ½ percent which is less than an auctioneer and we can sell the items sooner instead of storing them.

Mr. Wood stated he did not have a report on Land Records because the personnel transfer was not done until this week. He will report back to the Board.

Mr. Wood stated he talked with the Water Commissioner in Boonville regarding Southland. They have discussed water with Southland and they could hook-on if they paid for the lines.

Commissioner Wooten asked to check on incentive packages.

***Commissioner Sneed made the motion to proceed with the application to the LGC and loan the schools up to \$6 million. Commissioner Wooten seconded. The Board voted 4-0.**

Closed Session

***Commissioner Wooten made the motion to go in closed session per G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3). Commissioner Sneed seconded. The Board voted 4-0.**

***Commissioner Wooten made the motion to come out of closed session. Commissioner Sneed seconded. The Board voted 4-0.**

Attorney Graham handed out a report on back taxes.

Adjournment

***Commissioner Sneed made the motion to adjourn. Chairman Swaim seconded. The Board voted 4-0.**

Melinda Vestal, Clerk to the Board